

**ABSTRACT**

An integrated information presentation system that includes environmental controls is described that at least enhances the experience of giving or viewing a presentation. During the giving of a presentation, multiple controls are available in the system which enable the presenter to have direct control of the presentation environment. The system, for example, makes it easier to give presentations, both public and private, using computer-aided text, images, and sounds, yet it is far from just a tool to be used during these events themselves. Using this system, it is possible, for example, for presenters to practice a presentation before actually giving it, to transmit a presentation, either pre-recorded or live, from a remote location(s), to record a presentation for later distribution, to view a pre-recorded or live presentation from a remote location(s), or to upload a video or audio message to a website. This system is also equipped, for example, with a stylus, a remote control, and an interface device to enable a handheld computing device to be used as a remote, or even as the source for presentations themselves. This system includes a combination of, for example, an exemplary integrated information presentation device (also known as a "PowerPodium"), an Integrated Presentation Environment Assembly with Controls (also known as a "Presentation Booth"), an information display device system (also known as a "PDA Device"), a stylus, and a remote control.